

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 6, 2026 6:00PM Council Meeting

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Review and approval of agenda.
4. Presentation
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
6. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
7. Old Business
8. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
9. Consent Agenda
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Jeri Wozniak

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
WOZNIAK	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			
JARRETT	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
KARAFINSKI	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
LEARN	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
LEWIS	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
MOCCIA	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	
TROIANI	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	Code Enforcement	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Borough Manager	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - Add agenda Item 11.1, received by Chief of Police this afternoon.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Troiani

All in favor, agenda approved with addition.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

NONE

ITEM 6. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Around the Table
 - a. Fire Chief - Got ahold of marketplace for fire apparatus, looking into listing old ladder truck.
 - b. Mr. Moccia - Presented concerns about Sponsler Park, asked if some sort of camera option could be found.
 - c. Chief of Police - Officers have been doing street sweeper parking enforcement. Working on options to better address two-hour parking downtown. Thanked DPW for work in police department.
 - d. Borough Manager - Reminded Council that Parks and Recreation Committee needs to meet, and that a meeting needs to happen regarding the pool.
 - e. Public Works Director - Street sweeping has started. Patch machine will be up and running soon. Screened compost is available to the public at all times at Test Track Park.
 - f. Code Enforcement - Report provided.

ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance 2026-01: Updating Mobile Home Park Ordinance
Discussion: It was noted that Code Enforcement could begin enforcement of the ordinance as early as tomorrow.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, ordinance approved.

ITEM 9. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and take action to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting of Council
 - b. Approve Heart and Lung benefits for Officer Michael Klinetob, retroactive to request date of March 26, 2026
 - c. Approve revisions of the Borough of Berwick Civil Service Rules and Regulations, as recommended by the Civil Service Commission

- d. Authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the police hiring process
- e. Approve entering into Payment and Release Agreement with SEDA-COG, related to HOME Contract #C000072708
- f. Approve advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-xx, regulating Time Limit Parking in the Borough of Berwick

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Learn ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to make conditional offer of employment to Erickson Abreu, based on selection from provided Civil Service Eligibility List, to serve as a patrol officer with the Borough of Berwick Police Department, effective upon successful graduation from the Pennsylvania Act 120 Police Academy, conditional upon successful completion of all MPOETC and Borough of Berwick Police Department employment requirements.

Discussion: Borough Manager presented list from Civil Service, which contained only one name, specifically on the Academy Cadet Sponsorship list. It was noted that this individual is currently in the academy, and set to graduate later this month. It was further discussed how strong of a candidate this individual appears to be.

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Ms. Troiani ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to authorize Chief of Police Reagan Rafferty to enter into Academy Cost Reimbursement Agreement with Erickson Abreu, with pay as a sponsored academy cadet to begin immediately upon signature.

Discussion: Borough Manager and Chief of Police reminded about the details of the contract.

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Mr. Learn ☒ Approved, ☐
Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to accept the resignation of Patrolman Victor Guevara from the Borough of Berwick Police Department, effective April 20, 2026.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Karafinski ☒
Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

- Reece Musselman - Addressed issues with Sponsler Park pertaining to safety of those using the spaces. Noted he just wants to see issues addressed. Also commented on the issue of speeding on LaSalle Street.
- Don Smith, Spring Garden Avenue - Continued concerns with nearby mobile home park.

***Following adjournment, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss a specific City Hall/Administration employee. Council will not reconvene following this Executive Session, and no further action will be taken.**

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Karafinski

Meeting adjourned.